Members of the Consultative Committee and of the Standing Finance Committee of the Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation, etc. for which a free mailing list is maintained in the Department of Statistics. The NSS reports and survey data are also supplied to data users on magnetic media lor which specific guidelines are prescribed. Thus the Government does not share the view that the possessive instinct on the part of the Department of Statistics is causing under-utilisation of NSS reports/survey data.

(b) Does not arise.

Growth rate of foodgrains production

3914. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state the year-wise growth rates of foodgrains production (Agriculture), industrial and service sector during the last five years and their percentage in GDP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH):

(*Growth rates of various sectors oj economy (in percentage)*

	Item	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1.	Foodgrains production	6.6	2.7	3.9	-3.4	3.8
2.	GDP in agriculture and allied activities	6.1	3.6	4.6	-0.1	3.7
3.	GDP in industries	4.2	6.8	9.4	11.6	8.7
4.	GDP in services	5.5	7.3	7.5	8.8	7.4
5.	Total GDP	5.3	6.0	7.2	7.1	6.8

2. *Contribution of sectors as a percentage of GDP*

	Sectors	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1.	Agriculture and allied activities	30.2	29.5	28.8	26.9	26.1
2.	Industries	29.1	29.3	29.9	31.1	31.7
3.	Services	40.7	41.2	41.3	42.0	42.2
4.	Total GDP	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

NOTE: 1. Agriculture and allied activities include agriculture livestock, forestry and fishing

2. Industries includes mining, manufacturing, construction and electricity.

Impact of amendment in formula of Dr. Lakdawala Committee

3915. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRIPARAGCHALIHA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of the people living below the poverty line has nearly doubled following the amendment by the Planning Commission in the formula suggested by the Committee headed by Dr. Lakdawala;

(b) if so, the details as regards basis, etc. of the said increase; and

(c) its likely impact on the grants, share of taxes etc. admissible to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (b) Following the recently adopted official methodology based on the report of the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor. 35.97 per cent of the total population is estimated to live below the poverty line in 1993-94. The estimate